

been an important pillar of support for generations of children. His kindness and passionate spirit render him a vital resource and a beloved member of his community.

As a little league coach, he instilled the values of teamwork, dedication and perseverance. He is an inspiration to those who know him and influenced countless people with his work ethic and love of teaching. He has been an integral contributor to his community, as well as an active participant and positive influence on the lives of his little league players.

During his 30-plus years, Coach Soltero has played in 16 championships, winning 12 of them. He taught the values of sportsmanship and winning humbly.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we salute Coach Joe Soltero. We join with family and friends in honoring his incomparable accomplishments and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 266, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day. Police officers make extraordinary sacrifices in fulfilling their mission to serve and protect, and I am pleased to join my colleagues in saying thank you to Peace Officers Memorial Day. I am privileged to know many fine police officers including my Uncle Les, a dedicated and long time officer with the Chicago Police Department.

The heroism of our nation's police officers can be seen both in their responses to emergencies and in their everyday work serving our neighborhoods. In Chicago, the fine work done by the police department has reduced crime in almost every category in the past year, bringing serious crimes to a 13 year low and homicides to a historic 38 year low.

Police departments across the country continue to play an important role in building and maintaining stable, safe communities. The Chicago Police Department assists with community policing programs and plays an important role in youth counseling and recreation programs to help at-risk teenagers reach their full potential as contributing members of society.

In 2004, 153 peace officers nationwide gave their lives in the protection of our families and communities. The death of any police officer is a tragedy and a loss felt deeply in our communities. I join with my colleagues in honoring the memory and sacrifices of these heroes, and I applaud the continued service of law enforcement officers and all public safety workers who face danger every day while protecting our streets, our schools, and our communities.

Mr. Speaker, we have a responsibility to support our nation's law enforcement officers and supply them with the tools and resources they need to ensure their safety and ours. I am proud to join my colleagues today in honoring the contributions of our nation's peace officers, and I ask that my colleagues join me

in working to provide sufficient support to the 87,000 heroes who make up our nation's local law enforcement community.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID I. MARASH-WHITMAN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David I. Marsh-Whitman for his prize winning entry in the 56th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Last week, over 1,400 pre-college students participated in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Students from several countries submitted entries in hopes that they would win a portion of the \$3 million in scholarships, tuition grants, internships and scientific field trips given away. This annual competition awarded six of nine Bay Area students for their entries, three of whom reside in San Jose.

David is a 13-year-old student from Kehillah Jewish High School. His project, titled "Design for Biodegradation: Harnessing Natural Decay by Managing Physical and Chemical Dynamics" investigated optimal nitrogen-carbon ratios, moisture and aeration for increasing the rate and total degradation of compost. His entry won him a second-place prize (\$1,500) in environmental sciences.

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair promotes education and creativity in a way that is vital to a youth's development. These types of activities encourage students to explore the fields of science and engineering. This kind of innovation will drive the United States' economy into the future. Being from Silicon Valley, I fully understand the importance and impact that these studies have on America's prosperity.

I am proud to stand here today and recognize David for his accomplishments. I urge him and all youth alike to continue to take interest in these fields, and lead the United States in its development of science and engineering exploration.

HONORING THE CIRCLE OF HOPE AWARD NOMINEES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Sherry Davidoff, Morgan Harvard and Julianna Tisdale. These individuals have shown great dedication and loyalty in mentoring and making a difference to those in need of it most.

Ms. Davidoff, Ms. Harvard, and Ms. Tisdale were recently honored by The Colleyville Woman's Club at the annual Youth Volunteer Service Awards with the Circle of Hope Award. This prestigious award recognizes youth who have demonstrated laudable public service throughout their community. The selfless way in which they serve as mentors and volunteers speaks volumes to their loyalty and adherence to better assist those who require

it most. It is the noble efforts of individuals such as the aforementioned that improve our community and strengthen America.

It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize these ladies who have dedicated their young lives to assisting others. Their contribution and services should serve as an inspiration to others in their field and those who wish to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALU LIKE, INC.

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate a remarkable organization, Alu Like, Inc., as it marks its 30th anniversary of service to my Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian community.

Alu Like, which means "striving (working) together," was established in 1975 to promote social and economic self-sufficiency among Native Hawaiians. The organization was given its name by kupuna Mary Kawena Pukui, and its motto, "E alu like mai kākou, e nā 'ōiwi o Hawai'i" (Let us work together natives of Hawai'i), by kupuna Edith Kanaka'ole.

Now with 238 employees located throughout the State of Hawai'i (Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Lāna'i, Maui, Moloka'i, and O'ahu), it has grown into one of Hawai'i's most successful service agencies and has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for our Native Hawaiian community from early childhood to kūpuna (elderly) programs. These include a range of services and activities such as economic development, business assistance, employment preparation, training, library services, and educational and childcare services for families with young children, all tailored to the specific often unique, needs of Hawai'i's indigenous people. Current services include: Ho'okahua—Early Childhood; Ho'olōkahi—High Risk Reduction; Ho'omānea 'Ōiwi—Education and Employment; Ka Ipu Kā'eo—Education and Training; Kūlia Like—Financial Literacy and Kumu Kahi—Elderly Services.

Throughout its thirty years, Alu Like has served more than 100,000 people, and continues to form strong partnerships with other service providers. To increase its outreach to our community, Alu Like has also worked closely and collaboratively to expand its commitment to education and language preservation through its Native Hawaiian Library and to community service through its AmeriCorps Project.

As always, the success of any organization requires strong and sustained leadership from its staff and board of directors, and Alu Like has benefited greatly from a whole generation of such leaders. These include its visionaries—Myron "Pinky" Thompson, Alvin Shim, James Bacon, Yukio Naito, David Peters, and Winona Ellis Rubin—and directors over the years, as well as its Presidents/CEOs, who have included: Winona Ellis Rubin, Myron "Pinky" Thompson, David Helela, Masaru Oshiro, S. Haunani Apoliona, and Tara Lulani Arquette.

Under the current leadership of Mervina K.M. Cash-Kaeo, President/CEO, I have every